Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents killed ten people and injured 152 in South Dakota during the week up to and including Memorial Day in 1988; and,

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of accidental and violent death in South Dakota at an estimated cost of $100 million annually; and,

WHEREAS, The average cost of a traffic death has reached $220,000, with the cost much higher for injuries involving damage to the head, face, neck and spinal cord; and,

WHEREAS, 89 percent of the drivers killed in motor vehicle accidents in South Dakota in 1988 were not wearing safety belts; and,

WHEREAS, The proper use of safety belts could prevent 40 to 50 percent of the fatalities and reduce the number of serious injuries by 45 to 55 percent; and,

WHEREAS, The use of safety belts and child safety seats are known to be one of the best defenses against the drunk and drugged driver:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 22 through 29, 1989, as

BUCKLE UP AMERICA! WEEK

in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens to establish a goal of always buckling up while traveling in motor vehicles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE